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In re Patent Application of:

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BENZHYDRIL SPACED FROM PIPERAZINE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 3 August 2009, time for response to which was set to expire 3 November 2009. In this action, claims 16, 29 and 31 were allowed and claims 15 and 28 were considered allowable if amended to include the limitations of the claims from which they depend. The remaining claims, claims 1-5, 7, 10-14, 19-27 and 30-31, were rejected. There is a discrepancy with respect to claim 31; it appears this was included among the rejected claims in error as it is dependent on allowed claim 29. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following discussion is provided in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.